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MARCH TO THE ARCH ATTEMPTS REPEAT VICTORY IN SATURDAY'S \$200,000 WISE DAN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, June 19, 2020) – Live Oak Plantation's 2019 Wise Dan (Grade II) winner **March to the Arch** will attempt a repeat victory in Saturday's 1 1/16-mile turf event but needs to rebound from a puzzling 10th-place effort in last month's Grade I Shoemaker Mile at Santa Anita.

"I've only been around him for a little while but you'd have to assume he just didn't like it in California," trainer **Mark Casse**'s locally based assistant **David Carroll** said. "It was just such a puzzling effort where he didn't show much run at all. The thing of it is, his form in all of his previous races was very good. He's run some very nice efforts over the last year that if you draw a line through that race, he fits right in with this field. We know what he did in last year's race and hopefully he can run right back to that effort once again."

Saturday's \$200,000 Wise Dan presented by Ford (GII) is the featured event on the 11-race program and will go as Race 9 at 5:01 p.m. (all times Eastern) The race will share the stakes spotlight with the inaugural running of the \$100,000 Audubon presented by TwinSpires.com at 1 1/8 miles on turf for 3-year-olds. The Audubon is carded as Race 6 at 3:25 p.m.

March to the Arch is the 5-1 third choice on the morning line behind multiple graded stakes winner **Factor This** (8-5) and stakes winner **Parlor** (9-2). March to the Arch is not a stranger to pulling off an upset; he won last year's Wise Dan at odds of 10-1 when he surged to the front past 2-1 favorite **Admission Office**. March to the Arch, a now 5-year-old son of Arch, finished a half-length in front of Parlor in last year's event.

Following his Wise Dan victory last June, March to the Arch was winless until he defeated Florida-breds on Jan. 18 in the \$150,000 Sunshine Millions Turf at Gulfstream Park. Jockey **Tyler Gaffalione** was aboard March to the Arch for 10 of his 21-career starts but he opted to ride Parlor in Saturday's race leaving the six-time winner in the hands of **Florent Geroux**.

The complete field for the Wise Dan from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Just Howard** (Rafael Bejarano, Graham Motion, 10-1); **English Bee** (James Graham, Motion, 10-1); **Factor This** (Shaun Bridgmohan, Brad Cox, 8-5); **Eons** (Adam Beschizza, Arnaud Delacour, 50-1); **Aquaphobia** (Corey Lanerie, Mike Maker, 6-1); **Ritzy A.P.** (Declan Cannon, Jack Sisterson, 20-1); **March to the Arch** (Florent Geroux, Mark Casse, 5-1); **Emmaus** (IRE) (Brian Hernandez, Connor Murphy, 15-1); **Casa Creed** (Martin Garcia, Bill Mott, 15-1); **Hembree** (Gerardo Corrales, Maker, 12-1); and **Parlor** (Tyler Gaffalione, Maker, 9-2).

In the Audubon, \$250,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) winner **Field Pass** was made the 2-1 favorite as he'll attempt to rebound from a third-place finish as the 3-1 favorite in last month's \$100,000 War Chant. Gaffalione rides for trainer **Mike Maker** from post No. 6.

The Audubon field from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Bama Breeze** (Corey Lanerie, Rusty Arnold, 8-1); **Spanish Kingdom** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Joe Sharp, 10-1); **Natural Power** (Adam Beschizza, Casse, 8-1); **Pixelate** (Mitchell Murrill, Mike Stidham, 9-2); **Fenwick Station** (Declan Cannon, Eddie Kenneally, 15-1); **Field Pass** (Gaffalione, Maker, 2-1); **Kinenos** (Shaun Bridgmohan, Brad Cox, 8-1); and **Summer to Remember** (Geroux, Todd Pletcher, 7-2).

Free Brisnet past performances are available online at www.churchilldowns.com/handicapping.

STEPHEN FOSTER, FLEUR DE LIS FIELDS TAKING SHAPE – Next Saturday's stakes quartet at Churchill Downs will feature the \$500,000 Stephen Foster presented by Coca-Cola (Grade II) and the \$200,000 Fleur de Lis presented by Coca-Cola (GII), both Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" races.

The Stephen Foster field is likely to include **Shadwell Stable**'s recent allowance winner **Alkhaatam**; **Allied Racing Stable**'s multiple graded stakes winner **By My Standards**; **Rupp Racing**'s \$100,000 Blame Stakes victor **Owendale**; **Gulliver Racing**, **Craig Drager** and **Dan Legan**'s speedy stakes-placed **Pirate's Punch**; **Tom Durant**'s three-time Grade III winner **Silver Dust**; and **G M B Racing**'s 2019 Grade I, \$600,000 Clark hero **Tom's d'Etat**.

The Fleur de Lis is expected to feature a star-studded matchup between **Bloom Racing Stable**, **Madaket Stables** and **Allen Racing**'s champion mare **Midnight Bisou** and 2019 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) hero **Serengeti Empress**.

The spectacular day of racing also will feature the \$100,000 Regret presented by TwinSpires.com (GIII) and the \$100,000 Bashford Manor presented by TwinSpires.com (GIII). The 11-race card will be drawn Wednesday and additional probable entrants will be announced in the coming days. For the full list of nominations, visit www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen/stakes/nominations.

SARATOGA STAKES ADDED TO ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS – With Saratoga Race Course's stakes schedule finalized Friday by the New York Racing Association, Churchill Downs officials have added following races to the Road to the Kentucky Derby:

- July 16: \$100,000 Peter Pan (Grade III), 1 1/8 miles (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- Aug. 8: \$1 million Travers (Grade I), 1 1/4 miles (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)

Also, the following races have been added to the Road to the Kentucky Oaks:

- July 18: \$350,000 Coaching Club American Oaks (Grade I), 1 1/8 miles (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)
- Aug. 15: \$500,000 Alabama (Grade I), 1 1/4 miles (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)

Here is the full upcoming schedule of Road to the Kentucky Derby races:

- June 20: \$1 million Belmont Stakes (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Belmont Park (Top 4 Points: 150-60-30-15)
- June 21: Unicorn (GIII), 1 mile, Tokyo (Japan RTKD Top 4 Points: 40-16-8-4)
- June 27: \$500,000 Ohio Derby (GIII), 1 1/8 miles, Thistledown (Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2)
- July 4: \$150,000 Los Alamitos Derby (GIII), 1 1/8 miles, Los Alamitos (Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2)
- July 8: \$300,000 Indiana Derby (GIII), 1 1/8 miles, Indiana Grand (Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2)
- July 8: Japan Dirt Derby, 1 1/4 miles, Oi Racecourse (Japan RTKD Top 4 Points: 40-16-8-4)
- July 11: \$600,000 Blue Grass (GII), 1 1/8 miles, Keeneland (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)
- July 12: Ballysax (GIII), 1 5/16 miles (all-weather), Dundalk (European RTKD Top 4 Points: 30-12-6-3)
- July 16: \$100,000 Peter Pan (GIII), 1 1/8 miles, Saratoga (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- July 18: \$1 million Haskell (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Monmouth Park (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)
- Aug. 1: \$100,000 Shared Belief, 1 1/16 miles, Del Mar (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- Aug. 8: \$1 million Travers (GI), 1 1/4 miles, Saratoga (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)
- Aug. 9: \$200,000 Ellis Park Derby, 1 1/8 miles, Ellis Park (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- Aug. 15: \$150,000 Pegasus, 1 1/16 miles, Monmouth Park (Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2)

Here is the full upcoming schedule of Road to the Kentucky Oaks races:

- June 20: \$300,000 Acorn (GI), 1 mile, Belmont Park (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- July 4: \$300,000 Delaware Oaks (GIII), 1 1/16 miles, Delaware Park (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- July 8: \$300,000 Indiana Oaks (GIII), 1 1/16 miles, Indiana Grand (Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2)
- July 10: \$100,000 Beaumont (GIII), seven furlongs, Keeneland (Top 4 Points: 20-8-4-2)
- July 11: \$400,000 Ashland (GI), 1 1/16 miles, Keeneland (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)
- July 18: \$350,000 Coaching Club American Oaks (GI), 1 1/8 miles, Saratoga (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)
- Aug. 1: \$200,000 Monmouth Oaks (GIII), 1 1/16 miles, Monmouth (Top 4 Points: 50-20-10-5)
- Aug. 9: \$100,000 Audubon Oaks, seven furlongs, Ellis Park (Top 4 Points: 10-4-2-1)
- Aug. 15: \$500,000 Alabama (GI), 1 1/4 miles (Top 4 Points: 100-40-20-10)

CHURCHILL DOWNS TO HOST THREE ADDITIONAL FUTURE WAGERS – Churchill Downs will host a trio of additional Future Wager pools in advance of the rescheduled 146th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on Saturday, Sept. 5. Also, there will be one additional Kentucky Oaks Future Wager pool.

- KDFW Pool 5: Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28
- KDFW Pool 6: Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19
- KOFW Pool 2: Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19
- KDFW Pool 7: Friday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 9

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager features \$2 Win and Exacta wagering, and provides fans of Thoroughbred racing with opportunities to place bets on possible entrants in the Kentucky Derby at odds that could be far greater than those available on the day of the race.

The Pool 5 field will be announced Wednesday morning.

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CLOSING DAY NOW SUNDAY, JUNE 28 – On Tuesday, the **Kentucky Horse Racing Commission** unanimously approved one additional race date for the Spring Meet at Churchill Downs: Sunday, June 28, which will be the new closing day for the 27-date season. The conditions for the nine-race program can be found at <https://www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen/racing/condition-book/>.

TV SCHEDULE THIS WEEK – The racing action from Churchill Downs Racetrack throughout the 2020 Spring Meet will be broadcast on FOX Sports’ “America’s Day at the Races,” which will air every race day on either FS1 or FS2.

Friday, June 19

12:30 – 6:30 p.m. (FS2)

12:30 – 6:30 p.m. (MSG+)

3:00 – 6:30 p.m. (FOX Sports Ohio)

Saturday, June 20

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (FS1)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. / 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (FS2)

11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (MSG+)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. / 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (FOX Sports Ohio)

Note: there will be no TV coverage from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. because NBC will televise the Belmont Stakes

Viewing: TVG2, TwinSpires.com or “Churchill Downs Live” app from the Amazon App store via Amazon TV Fire Stick

Sunday, June 21

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (FS2)

2:30 – 6:00 p.m. (FS1)

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. (MSG+)

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (FOX Sports Ohio)

DOWN THE STRETCH – Friday’s nine-race program featured a \$163,109 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot (Races 4-9) and a \$2,459 carryover in the \$1 Super Hi 5 (Race 11). First post was 1 p.m. ... “**Inside Churchill Downs**” will air Friday at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7 and will feature NYRA racing analyst and morning line oddsmaker **David Aragona** to discuss Saturday’s Belmont Stakes program. Those outside the Louisville area can listen live on www.espnloouisville.com. ... Jockey **Ricardo Santana Jr.** will be off his mounts following Friday’s fourth race to fly to New York for Saturday’s Belmont program. ... Trainer **Dallas Stewart** reported Grade I winner **Seeking the Soul** has been retired from racing. The 7-year-old earned more than \$3.4 million in purses and recorded four of his seven victories at Churchill Downs.

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